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By Federal Express

Jeff S. Jordan, Esq.
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Re: MUR 5142

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I have received a copy of your letter dated November 9, 2000 to Mr. Rick Lazio which references a complaint filed with the FEC by Tery Spatero (the "Complaint"). The Complaint alleges that improper solicitations were made to Tery Spatero by the Lazio 2000, Inc. Senate campaign (the "Campaign"). This letter was received by the Campaign on November 14 and this letter constitutes our initial response to the allegations set forth in the Complaint.

As a preliminary matter, I have attached a Statement of Designation of Counsel signed by Mr. Rick Lazio appointing me to act as legal counsel in this matter.

Attached to the Complaint are copies of numerous direct mail solicitation letters from a variety of entities. Three of the solicitation letters attached to the Complaint were printed under the signature of Mr. Lazio. During Mr. Lazio's recent Senate campaign, his campaign organization, Lazio 2000, Inc., engaged the services of two direct mail vendors to coordinate all direct mail fundraising solicitations. The two direct mail vendors coordinated all list rentals, mail production and mail solicitations directly. Other than the names of prior donors to the Lazio 2000 campaign, the Campaign provided no names to any direct mail vendors. Each direct mail vendor independently leased or rented lists of names to which direct mail solicitation letters were forwarded. We have reviewed the Lazio 2000 donor list and Tery Spatero is not a donor to the Lazio campaign. As such, we are forced to presume that one or both of the Campaign's direct mail vendors obtained Tery Spatero's name from one or more lists rented by each respective vendor for fundraising prospecting purposes. At present, the Campaign has no other information with respect to Tery Spatero. In light of the statement in Tery Spatero's letter indicating that Ms.

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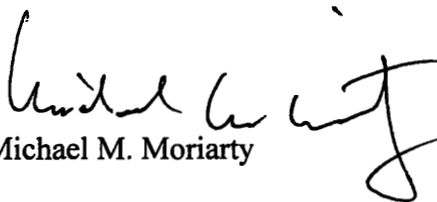
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Spatero does not wish to receive solicitations from the Lazio 2000 organization, the Campaign has instructed our direct mail vendors to ensure that no further solicitations are forwarded to Tery Spatero. See copies of letters to Ms. Cathy Blaney and Ms. Laura Van Hove attached.

If you require anything further with respect to this matter, please feel free to call me at 212-237-1132.

Very truly yours,


Michael M. Moriarty

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